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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to further respond to the Examiner's March 4, 2004 Final Office Action and July 14, 2004 Advisory Action. With the extension, a response is due on or before August: 4, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00, in payment of the fee

required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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